

SCHOOL LIBRARIES ERASE COLOR LINE

Board of Education Extends Same Privileges to White and Colored Children.

ACTION WARMLY DEBATED

Names of Four New Schools to Be Constructed Are Adopted.

Other Business Transacted.

Access to and use of the branch libraries to be established in the District public schools will be allowed all persons regardless of race or color under a resolution adopted by the board of education at a special meeting yesterday afternoon in the Franklin School. Adoption of the resolution was preceded by a protracted debate which waxed warm between its originator, William L. Houston, and Superintendent of Schools Frank W. Ballou.

The resolution will permit colored children to use the branch libraries to be placed in the white schools and vice versa. In other words, according to Mr. Houston, it will give the patrons of the proposed school libraries the same rights and privileges they now enjoy at the central Public Library.

Provision also is included in the resolution requiring all appointees in the branch libraries to be established in the white schools and in the colored schools of the colored race.

Resolution Declared Unnecessary.

Immediately after the introduction of the resolution by Mr. Houston, it was seconded by Mrs. Coralee F. Cook, Superintendent of Ballou, who declared that he believed the resolution was unnecessary and pointed out that it would not be necessary to the trustees of the Public Library, who have formulated with school officials a plan for the establishment of a system of branch libraries in the public schools.

"The report of the school board approving the placing of the branch libraries in the schools, Dr. Ballou said, is sufficient to carry out the Public Library trustees and adopted by them. This resolution," he said, "may modify that agreement, but I believe it would be more appropriate to take up this question when the specifications for the branch libraries are opened."

Explanation Asked.

Mr. Houston then asked Dr. Ballou if he was opposing the resolution. "I am offering no objection," he explained, said Dr. Ballou.

"I would like to have Dr. Ballou express himself positively on this matter," retorted Mr. Houston.

"I offer no objection," replied the superintendent, "but this does not mean that I do not believe it is necessary. This policy may save some embarrassing situations," continued Mr. Houston. "I am not willing that the library process should be independent of the other public libraries. If the board favors white libraries for white persons and colored libraries for colored persons, let it say so."

"The rules and regulations governing the use of the branch libraries are subject to the approval of the board and the superintendent, and, therefore, I do not believe there is a necessity for this resolution," said Dr. Ballou.

Dr. George F. Bowerman, librarian of the Public Library, nor the superintendent can proceed with the independent of the other public libraries. As far as I am personally concerned, I hope there is no difference. Unless there is some reason for it, I don't see why we should not pass this resolution."

"What is the answer to my reason?" queried Dr. Ballou.

"You submit to Dr. Bowerman the resolution adopted by the board," Mr. Houston replied.

A vote was called for at this point, and the resolution adopted without a dissent.

New Schools Approved.

Names of four new schools to be constructed, suggested by Dr. Ballou, were unanimously adopted by the board, and will be submitted to the Commissioners for their approval. The schools to replace the Hamilton School for tubercular children was named the Health School. The Junior high school at the Henry D. Iowa avenue was named the "Henry D. Iowa School." In honor of the late Senator Charles McNamara, the new school at the corner of the "Samuel Pierpont Langley," and the elementary school to be erected north of Lincoln Park was named the "Richard Kincaid."

A Request from Miss Cecil B. Norton.

A request from Miss Cecil B. Norton, general director of the community center, for a deficiency appropriation to pay salaries of some employees of that department, who served their service during the fiscal year of 1919-1920, when the appropriation for the community center became exhausted, was granted by the board on recommendation of the superintendent. Dr. Ballou pointed out, in refusing to grant the request, that the deficiency appropriation "is a direct violation of the expressed limitation of the law."

Dr. Ballou Granted Leave.

Dr. Ballou was granted a leave of absence to attend the annual meeting of the department of superintendents of the National Education Association, to be held in Chicago from February 25 to March 4.

The board's action was called by the superintendent to the fact that four school children lost their lives in the Knickerbocker Theatre last night. They were David Lyman, a student at Western High School; Dorothy Kanston, a student at the Hamilton School; a pupil at the Henry D. Cooke School. The names of these children were ordered spread on the minutes and the board subsequently adopted a resolution expressing sympathy to all persons "who have been plunged into sorrow on account of the disaster and pledging to share their grief."

A resolution also was adopted by the board expressing profound sorrow "of the serious affliction of our colleague on the board, E. C. Graham, in the loss of his daughter, Mrs. Lorraine Graham Callahan, who died Friday, and hereby expresses to him his deepest sympathy in this hour of sad bereavement."

The resolution was presented by Mr. Lloyd.

An executive conference of one hour and thirty-five minutes duration preceded the public session.

PARLEY INTERPRETER PRAISED BY DELEGATES FOR UNUSUAL ABILITY

Tribute to the remarkable ability of Prof. G. H. Camerlynck, the interpreter of the Washington conference, who has amazed those attending the sessions with the facility of his translations, was paid during the plenary session yesterday by Mr. Balfour, head of the British delegation. After expressing the thanks of the delegates to Prof. Camerlynck, Mr. Balfour said:

"Mr. Camerlynck has an absolute genius for the work he has undertaken. I do not know whether to admire most the skill with which he translates English into French or the skill with which he translates French into English. I do not know what my French colleagues think when they hear their speeches translated into the English tongue. I know what I always feel when I hear the French translated into the French tongue, which is that it is a matter of most agreeable surprise to think that I have in the interpreter such unusual facility in the effort to express my ideas."

SHANTUNG TREATY SIGNED BY NATIONS

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In celebration of the conclusion of the negotiations, were hosts at what was described as a "Shantung dinner," at which the Chinese delegates, Messrs. Hughes and Balfour and the four observers were guests.

Compromises 21 Articles.

The treaty comprises twenty-eight articles and six annexes. Japan agrees, under article 1, to "restore to China the former German leased territory of Kiaochow," and in the subsequent articles and annexes provides for details of the restoration.

Machinery is set up through a joint commission, to make and carry out "detailed arrangements" relating to the transfer of administration and public properties and to settle other matters requiring adjustment. The transfer is to be completed as soon as possible, but in any case within six months after signing of the treaty.

Troops to Be Withdrawn.

Japanese troops, including those along the Tsingtau-Tsinanfu railway, are to be withdrawn from Shantung as soon as the Chinese police or military are provided to take over the protection of the railway. This date is to be arranged in advance between the Chinese and Japanese authorities, and the withdrawal must be completed within three months if possible, and not later than six months after signing of the treaty.

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Under the direction of priests of the Jesuit Missionary Band two weeks of spiritual retreat will begin tonight at 7:30 o'clock in St. Aloysius Church, North Capitol and I streets. The first week will be exclusively for the board of education, and the second week will be for the general public. The retreat will consist of recitation of the rosary, a sermon, and benediction at the blessed sacrament. The sermons will be preached by Rev. William F. J. McFadden.

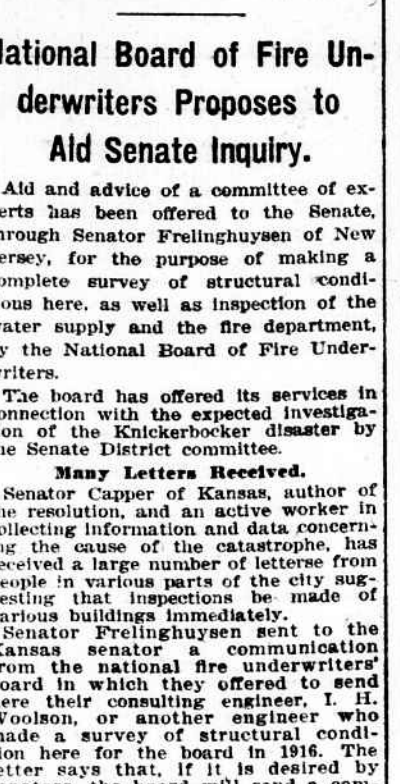
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SAFETY SUIT DEMONSTRATED TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS



Two demonstrators wearing the safety suits, photographed after they had jumped into the icy waters at the navy wharf, foot of 7th street, yesterday, for the benefit of members of Congress and Navy officials. These suits were especially made for the comfort of aviators flying in high altitudes, and for ocean travelers as a protection against drowning.

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Plans for Closer Probe.

The subcommittee explained, in submitting its tabulations, that in obtaining the same each of the cases was carefully examined. However, it did not propose making any recommendations as to further investigation of any one case until it has made a complete survey of all of the more than 1,200 cases filed during Judge Monro's tenure on the bench. In this connection it was indicated during the meeting today that notations will be made of those cases which on their face suggest some irregularity or fraud and in the proper time such cases will be inquired into in the most thorough manner. Those whose names appear in such cases, either as the interested parties to the suit or as attorneys or as witnesses, will be asked to testify as to the truth of the statements sworn to in the affidavits.

Actual Residence Facts Sought.

In tabulating the activities of these three witnesses who appear so frequently in the divorce cases, Mr. Caton, chairman of the subcommittee, stated that the fact that the figures indicate that Mrs. Baggett had on an average of forty persons rooming in her seven-room home each day for six months, the latter period being that which was covered by Mr. Caton's individual examination of the files. Mrs. Bensei was reported to have had an average of twelve roomers in her home during a corresponding period.

Will Seek Gas Rate Out.

On motion of William Ritchie of Mid-City, the Federation instructed Mr. McK. Clark to report to the committee on